

This Week's News

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 28th, 2025

IRTS Examination Board Announce the next HAREC Exams

The IRTS examination board is pleased to advise that the next date for the HAREC examination is the 15th of November 2025. The location for the exam is The Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Clonshagh, Co Dublin, K67 X3H5.

Due to the high number of candidates, there will be a morning and afternoon exam. Registration for the morning exam will start at 10.30 a.m., and the exam will commence at 11 a.m. with a duration of two hours. Registration for the afternoon exam will start at 2 p.m., and the exam will commence at 2.30 p.m., also with a duration of two hours. Information and links to the application form can be found on the IRTS website or you can contact Mick EI6IKB by email to [irts_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_exams@irts.ie)

The closing date for applications is Monday the 3rd of November.

Seeking IRTS HF News Readers

The society is seeking additional HF newsreaders to join our current panel of news readers for the weekly Sunday morning 40m and 80m IRTS news bulletins. If any licensed IRTS member living in EI feels like that they would be interested in becoming part of the IRTS newsreaders panel or if you require more information, please get in touch with the IRTS news team via email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie)

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

Today, Sunday the 28th of September, EI2WRC will be QRV from the Waterford and Suir Valley Railway station Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford for the 2025 Railways on the Air event. Waterford Suir Valley Railway Company CLG was established to preserve and promote Waterford's rich railway heritage. The aim to develop and operate a 10 km section of the abandoned Waterford to Dungarvan Railway line from Kilmeaden Station to Bilberry, Waterford City as a tourist attraction. The vision is that the area through which the railway travels will become a linear park, and the railway will service other attractions along the route, eventually extending to Waterford City.

Everyone at EI2WRC would like to thank Maria Kyte, Manager of WSVR and all the staff for allowing us to use Kilmeaden station again this year for the 2025 ROTA event. For more information about the WSVR please see www.wsvrailway.ie

The September meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place tomorrow, Monday, September 29th at 8 p.m. sharp at the South East Technological University, Netlabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. The Eircode is X91 WR86. New members or anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend also. For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

Shannon Basin Radio Club Restart Their SSB Nets

Shannon Basin Radio Club restart their weekly HF SSB DX nets on Thursday October 2nd. The popular nets will start with the 80m band that night from 9 p.m. The frequency is expected to be in the region of 3.775MHz depending on QRM. Everyone is welcome and club looks forward to hearing you on the band.

Information about the club's activities may be found at www.sbrc.ie or via their social media channels.

Jamboree on the Air

Each year, over a million scouts and guides from over 170 countries around the world take part in something special. This is called Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet. It's a weekend of radio, internet, and friendship. It is happening from the 17th to the 19th of October, with most activity on Saturday. This is a chance to support the future of our wonderful hobby.

Between Friday 17th and Sunday 19th, but especially Saturday 18th, you are asked to run a support station at your club, at your home QTH or as a field day activity on your own or with some other operators! Listen out for and watch the cluster for scout stations on HF, 2m, and QO-100.

The nature of such events is that there may be 5 to 30 scouts who have never been on the radio with a licensed operator supervising, all wanting to make contact. Radio scouting Ireland will provide a JOTA-JOTI patch to all IE operators with 10 or more logged calls with scout stations in Ireland or around the world. Email ADIF or CSV logs to [radioscoutingireland /at/ gmail.com](mailto:radioscoutingireland/at/gmail.com)

Radio Experiment Day at Tog Hackerspace – Tuning In to the ISS

As part of National Space Week, Tog Hackerspace in Dublin will be hosting a Radio Experiment Day on Sunday, October 5th, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This isn't a class or formal demonstration. It is a hands-on day of experimenting, tinkering, and learning together. The focus will be on trying out different ways to receive signals from the ARISS Slow Scan Television (SSTV) event taking place that weekend.

The Space Week SSTV Event, Series 29, will feature six images transmitted from the International Space Station on 145.800 MHz using PD120 encoding. Two transmission windows are scheduled. The first window is from Oct 3rd and 4th starting on Friday at 14:00 UTC and ending on Sat at 10:00 UTC. The second window opens over Oct 4th to the 6th. It starts on Saturday from 11:00 UTC and ends on Monday.

The same set of images will be sent in both windows, so there will be plenty of opportunities to catch them. On the day, Tog Hackerspace also be calling in to the Dublin area IRTS news transmission on the 2m band, with two especially good ISS passes around 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to bring along their own radios, antennas, and setups. The more variety, the better! You are invited to just drop in, have a chat, and join the fun. The location is Tog Hackerspace, Unit 1B, Motorcity, Kylesmore Rd, Dublin 12, D12 CF6V.

DX Féile 2025

DX Féile takes place on Saturday October 12th and is organised by the EIDX group. It will be held in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. You are advised to secure your tickets as soon as possible

to avoid disappointment. For further information please contact David, ei9fbb /at/ gmail.com or by telephone at 087 7444777.

Contests and Events

The closing date for the IRTS 2m and 70cm Counties Contest entries is today Sunday, the 28th of September. Visit irts.ie/contests for log submission information. The results of the IRTS SSB field day have been published on the IRTS contests webpage. Well done to everyone who took part.

In partnership with the IRTS, RSGB, and the GMDX Group, the 2025 UK/EI DX SSB contest will take place on the 1st and 2nd of November 2025. All HF contesters worldwide are invited to take part.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email newsteam@irts.ie with the details. These will be automatically forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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